Pollution of Beaches by Ship-Breaking Industry

3656. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that ship-breaking for scrap on beaches and water-fronts create massive beach pollution and also cause fish mortality and destruction of beauty of the beaches; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to bring a legislation to ban such indiscriminate ship-breaking and making it mandatory to carry such activities in the dry docks or other isolated barren land?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir. Ship-breaking causes pollution and may cause fish mortality. Such activities may also affect the beauty of the beaches.

(b) The Central Government have issued environmental guidelines for setting of industries. The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 has provision for dealing with such situations and no separate legislation is considered necessary.

Government Directive regarding declaration of Assets by Public Men

3657. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to issue orders to the Chief Ministers, Ministers of Union and State Governments, M.Ps. and MLAs as well as MLCs to declare their assets; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether members from the public will have access to such information if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government are considering to make it obligatory for the political parties to get their accounts audited every year and make it public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) No, Sir. However, there is a Code of Conduct for Ministers of Union and State Governments.

(b) No, Sir. The returns furnished by the Ministers to the Prime Minister or the Chief Ministers, as the case may be, are confidential communications.

(c) No such proposal is under the consideration of the Government at present.

Population Figures

3658. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is State-wise population of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Muslims, Backward Classes and others; and

(b) what is the source of the above figures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) State-wise population of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes according to 1981 Census are given in Statement enclose. (*See* below). In Statement enclosed, the population figures of Muslims and other religions are given based on the 1981 Census data on the religion of the head of household collected through the household schedules. [*See* Appendix CXLV, Annexure No. 126].

The figures mentioned in Statement-I and Statement-II exclude Assam where the 1981 Census could not be conducted owing to disturbed conditions prevailing in that State then.

The State-wise population figures of Backward Classes are not available.

Statement

Population of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes according to 1981 Census in India/States/Union Territories

India/State/Union Territory	Population of	
	Scheduled Castes	Scheduled Tribes
1	2	3
INDIA*@	104,754,623	51, 628,638£
1. Andhra Pradesh	7,961,730	3,176,001
2. Bihar	10,142,368	5,810,867
3. Gujarat	2,438,297	4,848,586
4. Haryana	2,454,012	..
5. Himachal Pradesh	1,053,958	197,26
6. Jammu & Kashmir	497,363	..
7. Karnataka@	5,595,353	1,825,203†
8. Kerala	2,549,302	261,475
9. Madhya Pradesh	7,358,533	11,987,031
10. Maharashtra	4,479,763	5,772,038
11. Manipur	17,753	387,977
12. Meghalaya	5,492	1,076,345
13. Nagaland	..	650,885
14. Orissa	3,865,543	5,915,067
15. Punjab	4,511,703	..
16. Rajasthan	5,838,879	4,183,124
17. Sikkim	18,281	73,623

1	2	3
18. Tamil Nadu	8,881,295	520,226
19. Tripura	310,384	583,920
20. Uttar Pradesh	23,453,339	232,705
21. West Bengal	12,000,768	3,070,672
UNION TERRITORIES		
1. A & N Islands	..	22,361
2. Arunachal Pradesh	2,919	441,167
3. Chandigarh	63,621	..
4. D & N Haveli	2,041	81,714
5. Delhi	1,121,643	..
6. Goa, Daman & Diu	23,432	10,721
7. Lakshadweep	..	37,760
8. Mizoram	135	461, 907
9. Pondicherry	96,636	..

Note:— 1.* Excludes Assam where Census could not be held owing to disturbed conditions prevailing there at the time of 1981 Census.

2.@ Excludes the population of areas under unlawful occupation of Pakistan and China where Census could not be taken.

3. No Castes were scheduled by the President of India for Nagaland, A & N Islands and Lakshadweep.

4. 1981 figures of Scheduled Castes are the enumerated figures based on S.C. and S.T. (Amendment) Act, 1976 and other relevant Acts and orders.

5†. This figure would appear to include high returns relating to certain communities with nomenclatures similar to those included in the list of Scheduled Tribes consequent on the removal of area restrictions.

6.£ Please see also the foot note at 5 relating to Karnataka State.